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Coronavirus FAQs—Distilleries

Q. May a distillery engage in the production of ethanol-based hand sanitizer?

A. Yes, a licensed distillery may produce ethanol-based hand sanitizer without other licenses or permits from the TABC. However, licensees must continue to maintain all records of production and depletion of such inventory and comply with applicable TTB and FDA guidance and Regulations.

Q. From whom may a distillery obtain alcoholic beverages for making hand sanitizer?

A. A distillery can obtain alcoholic beverages for blending, including for making hand sanitizer, from other licensed manufacturers, licensed wholesalers, or licensed non-resident sellers or non-manufacturing non-resident sellers. Alcohol that has been denatured or otherwise made unfit for human consumption is not considered an alcoholic beverage and is not subject to TABC jurisdiction.

Q. May a distillery continue to conduct tours and tastings?

A. Licensed distilleries are not prohibited by the TABC from conducting tours or tastings. However, all businesses are expected to adhere to the Governor's Tennessee Pledge guidelines. If a distillery is located in one of the six counties with locally run health departments (Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby or Sullivan), it is subject to orders issued by those health departments which may include further restrictions on reopening and business activity. Such restrictions may include extending the dates that restaurants and other businesses are required to be closed. If your distillery is located in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Shelby, or Sullivan County, you must adhere to all orders and guidance issued by your county health department.

Q. May a distillery deliver its products to consumers at their residence or business?

A. No, a distillery may not deliver products to consumers off the licensed premises.

Q. May a distillery ship its products directly to consumers using a common carrier or USPS?

A. No, the shipment of liquor is prohibited.

Q. May a distillery sell bottles for customers to take with them?

A. Yes, a distillery may sell its products for on-premise or offpremise consumption.

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